



It's Labor Day weekend and a time traditionally associated with the beginning of a new school year. In that vein, let us pay attention to the lessons we are taught in today's readings. Jesus tries to teach the Pharisees and the scribes the importance of what we have in our hearts. He calls them hypocrites for concentrating on unclean hands instead of unclean hearts. Let us take this lesson to heart!

Readings for this Week (Sept. 3-8)

Monday:	Genesis 1:26—2:3;	Matthew 6:31-34
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16;	Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 3:1-9;	Luke 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 3:18-23;	Luke 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Corinthians 4:1-5;	Luke 5:33-39
Saturday:	Micah 5:1-4a (or) Romans 8:28-30;	Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (or) Matthew 1:18-23

Scripture for next Sunday (23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 35:4-7a

The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared;
and the tongues of those who are mute will sing.

James 2:1-5

Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Isaiah wrote of the transformative power of God. God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. He will allow the lame to dance and the mute to sing. God will remake the world as well, bringing life-giving water to the barren desert. In next Sunday's Gospel, Jesus displays this transformative power and tender mercy in His healing of a deaf man. The witnesses to this act cannot help but proclaim Christ's power and compassion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers at our altar this weekend are given by Brenda & Ron McNutt in memory of her parents, **Helge & Mildred Andersen.**

1st Tuesday Adoration—THIS Tuesday, Sept. 4
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chapel

A Message from Father Chris....

Last week, I wrote about the scandal that our Church is once again facing. It is something that needs to be discussed, because it affects all of us. People are shaken by this, and they are struggling with their faith because of what has happened. As I wrote last week, I encourage people to continue to pray for our Church. When people become discouraged over events like this, prayer is often the first thing to suffer. We find it hard to pray when we are struggling as we are now. That's what I wanted to write about this week. It is times like this that we need prayer the most. Prayer is the most important thing we can do. Anything we do to bring about change in our world has to include prayer.

Many people doubt the power of prayer. When people come to discuss difficult issues with me, prayer is one of the first things I recommend. Often people don't want to hear that. They want to hear more concrete solutions to our problems. What is prayer going to do to change anything?

Last Monday, we celebrated the feast day of Saint Monica. St. Monica is the first person I think of when discussing the power of prayer, and the importance of persistence in prayer. St. Monica was a woman who lived for a long time with a great sadness. She was sad, because she felt her son was throwing his life away. She had a brilliant son with great potential, and yet she felt that none of that mattered, because her son was an atheist. She knew his talents would never be properly used, and he would never find true happiness in life if he did not know Christ. Since her son had no interest in the Church, and would not listen to anything she said about it, she did the only thing she could. She prayed for him. Year after year, Monica prayed for her son. She did not know if or when her prayers would be answered, but she continued to pray for him. She refused to let her faith be shaken.

We know that St. Monica's prayers were not in vain, because the day after we celebrated her feast day, we celebrated the feast day of her son, Saint Augustine. As I stated last week, St. Augustine is now regarded as one of the greatest patristic theologians in our Church and contributed so much to our understanding of the faith today. I had a professor who used to tell us that anyone who claims to have read everything Augustine wrote is a liar. St. Augustine is definitely the more well known of the two, but I will always look to St. Monica as the silent hero who teaches us all the true power of prayer.

NOMINEES for Parish Pastoral Council

Nominees for PPC are: *Linda Williams, Jeri Whitely, Wayne Thurston, Janine Myatt, Krys Panasewicz, Dave Hall, Jozie DiBartolo, and Angela Costagliola.* Three of these nominees will be elected to a 3-year term on the Council. **ELECTIONS** will be held at all Masses on the weekend of Sept. 8/9. Catholics age 18+ who are registered with the parish are welcome to vote for up to 3 of these nominees. If you will not be here on Sept. 8/9 and wish to cast a vote, please notify the office 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org NLT 4p on Monday, Sept. 10.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. (Bulletin deadline is still noon Monday—please leave message on general office voicemail or email.)

Senior High Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Schedule:

- Sun., Sept. 2—NO SHYM (Labor Day Weekend)
- Sun., Sept. 9—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - The Call to Holiness
- Sun., Sept. 16—Fun Night!
 - Bike the Creeper Trail
- Sun., Sept. 23—Youth Group (BYC 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - God Calls Us to Prayer
 - Confirmation Class!

“1st Tuesday” Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will you watch an hour with our Lord?

Join us for Adoration in the Chapel this **Tuesday, Sept. 4,** beginning after the 8:30a morning Mass and concluding with Benediction at **9 p.m.**

Prayer Group meeting this week:

Wed., Sept. 5, 2:45pm-3:45p, St. Vincent de Paul Center
All are invited to attend. No preparation, no cost. Join us for an hour of prayer!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

- **Catechumens & Candidates** will meet this **Wednesday, Sept. 5,** in the **Great Room, 6:30pm-8:00pm.**
- **Inquirers** will meet in the church office conference room. Stop by the **Great Room** for opening prayer at **6:30 p.m.**

RCIA note: Life has many storms—distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers. For more information about our RCIA, please contact Sydney Farnum at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Attn: Men of the Parish—Cookout at KofC

Men of the parish are invited to join with the Knights of Columbus and Father Chris for a Cook-Out this **Wed., September 5, at 6 p.m.** at the Columbian Center (125 18th Street, Bristol, TN). Sign up this weekend in the commons so we'll know how many to plan for.

Finance Council members are reminded of their meeting this Thursday morning, Sept. 6, at 7 a.m.

Respect Life Committee members are reminded of our planning meeting this coming **Saturday, September 8, at 10:30am** in the office conference room. New members are always welcome to join us.

Sunday School of Religion

Junior High Religious Education

Sunday School of Religion & Jr. High Religious Education will begin NEXT Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:45 a.m., with a **Parent/Child meeting in the Great Room.** The children will be dismissed with their catechists to go to their classrooms for a full morning of Religious Education. Parents of children who do not attend St. Anne's School should have received a registration packet in the mail—please return these forms to the basket in the commons as soon as possible. If you have NOT received a packet, please contact Vanessa Purdy at 276-591-5378 ext. *814 or vpurdy@stannes-bristol.org.

Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class

Resumes September 9—9:45am-11:00am

Usually in the Great Room,

but on the 9th will meet in the school library

Jesus Revealed: Encountering Christ in His Biblical Names

Jesus Revealed is an eighteen session study on names and titles for Jesus appearing in Scripture. Sessions focus on a different area where we can discern the presence of the Lord. We begin next Sunday, Sept. 9, with ***The Way, the Truth, and the Life.*** If you would like to read the scriptures prior to class to better prepare yourself for this study, they will be listed in the bulletin each week for the next Sunday class. For session one, the readings are: Luke 9:18-20; John 14:1-11; Philippians 3:7-11; Exodus 20:1-3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:34-40; Psalm 25:4-14; 42:1-2, 8; 73:23-25, 28. Even if you don't have time to read the readings join us anyway to view the video and join in the discussion. No registration required. No cost.

Egiving Report (Aug. 1-16):

Operating \$4,660., Holy Day/Assumption \$73., Campaign 2013/Debt Reduction \$390; School 2nd Collection \$390.

Collection Report (Aug. 25/26):

Operating \$10,306.50; Holy Day/Assumption \$5.

2nd Collection this Weekend Sept. 1&2: St. Anne's School

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, Sept. 1 (*Vigil: 22nd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Brenda Johnson Sandos

Sunday, Sept. 2 (*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Neal Jewell

10:30 a.m. †Louis Przystas

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

Tuesday, Sept. 4

8:30 a.m. †Charlie Mansfield

Wednesday, Sept. 5

8:30 a.m. †Levi Hughes

Thursday, Sept. 6

6:00 p.m. †Stephen Hess

Friday, Sept. 7

7:30 a.m. †Dorothy Liston

Saturday, Sept. 8 (*Vigil: 23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Tonette Davidson

Sunday, Sept. 9 (*23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †John Viggiano & †Joseph Viggio
(brothers, New York City fireman & policeman,
killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001)

11:30 a.m. †June Musick

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

PLEASE NOTE:

Our summer Mass Schedule ends today (September 2nd) — beginning next Sunday, Sept. 9th, the Mass time will be **11:30a** instead of 10:30.

Food City School Bucks: Last year 121 families helped our school raise approximately \$3000 by shopping at Food City. Please continue helping with this fundraiser by registering your Food City ValuCards. The next time you shop at Food City, ask your cashier to connect your ValuCard to our school. You can also register your ValuCard online at foodcity.com/schoolbucks. Our Food school number is 41037. Registering must be redone each fall. The deadline to link your card to our school is December 27. Thank you for your help. Contact Angie Bush at 276-669-0048 or abush@stanneschoolbristol.org if you have questions.

Tuesday Morning Book Club resumes September 11

The Pivotal Players—by Bishop Robert Barron

Book Club will begin a little different this fall. Our first book will be a devotional book based on the video series by Bishop Barron. You do not have to order the book to participate since we will be watching and discussing the video together and using the devotional book "Praying with the Pivotal Players" at home for our private devotions. Please sign-up in the commons this weekend and next weekend to join the book club. Please indicate if you would like a copy of the devotional book. **Book Club** meets on **Tuesdays** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center, from **10:30am to 11:30am**. Please note: a few of the videos in this series will run a little longer so Book Club will meet a little longer on those days. This is a 6-week study.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Monday, September 3:

- **NO Monday Adult Faith Formation this week. Popes and the Papacy** resumes September 17. Join us then—**1:00pm-2:30pm** at the Saint Vincent de Paul Center.

Tuesday, September 4:

- **Book Club** resumes Tues., **Sept. 11, 10:30-11:30a** at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Pivotal Players*. Sign-up at the table in the commons to join the group.
- **Tuesday Evening Scripture Study** meets **6:30-8pm**, St. Vincent de Paul Center. *The Letter to the Philippians*. Sign-up in the commons to join the group.

Wednesday, September 5:

- **Little Rock Scripture Study, 1:00-2:30pm**, Saint Vincent de Paul Center. *The Gospel According to Mark*
- **RCIA at 6:30pm in the Great Room.**

For more information about any of the above programs, email sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

Formed.org—(Church code: 2418G9)

Pick of the Week for Sept. 1/2: Who Am I to Judge? - Presented by Dr. Edward Sri. How can we stand up for truth in a world that says there is no truth? How can we explain our moral convictions without being labeled "judgmental?" Join Dr. Edward Sri as he explores what the Church teaches about truth and learn how to better explain it without fear of being "intolerant". **Watch on formed.org.**

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free

A Catholic Guide to Managing Your Money

Last Day to Register is: Tuesday, September 4

Beginning **Mon., Sept. 10, 6:00-7:30pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. **7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free** is the first comprehensive, catechetically sound Catholic personal finance program. Phil Lenahan, the author of this study, is president of Veritas Financial Ministries and is a Catholic who has counseled many families on financial issues. His extensive background includes overseeing the finances of a \$250 million division of a Fortune 300 company. Register at sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org or 276-668-8200 ext. 32. Cost of your book and workbook: \$34.95 for individuals and \$46.95 for couples.

Kroger School Rewards Program: Kroger shoppers can help our school raise money each time you shop. Kroger shoppers please create or go to your Kroger accounts online at <https://www.kroger.com/> and link your cards to St. Anne Catholic School. **Our Kroger School ID: WD 160.** Every school year we need to re-register our participants. Last year 44 people raised \$1800 by shopping at Kroger! Contact Angie Bush at 276-669-0048 or abush@stanneschoolbristol.org if you have questions.

***MJM7—Catholic Performing Family
Coming to St. Anne's September 17***

SAVE THE DATE!! Michael James Mette and his family are coming to St. Anne's to share his music with our community on **Monday, September 17**. Michael is a Catholic performing artist who travels the country with his wife and their seven children. His music is a modern reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics. The concert will be 90 minutes and will include performances from the whole family. Lights, video, music and testimonies. Please consider attending the concert and support this ministry. Please invite your friends and especially young adults and teenagers. Thank you!

WOMEN of the parish are invited!!

**Council of Catholic Women's annual September dinner.
Mon., Sept. 10, Columbian Center
Dinner at 6 p.m.**

Join us for presentations on the benefits of "Keeping Fit"
—Keeping in touch: Lin Ramsey (*the power of massage*)
—Keeping young: Teresa Ingle (*healthy skin care*)
—Keeping active: Pat Fields (*physical conditioning*)
Please sign up in the commons this weekend (Sept. 1 & 2).
For more information, contact Eileen Gibney at 423-652-7425 or egibneysas@yahoo.com.

MASS TIME CHANGES NEXT SUNDAY!!
Beginning Sept. 9—Mass at 11:30a (not at 1030)

***Treasures of the Church
Exposition of Sacred Relics***

Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here at St. Anne's on **Saturday September 29th** for a **presentation at 1:30 p.m.** followed by **exposition of Sacred Relics** (among the treasures: relics of St. Anne, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas). Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years. You do not want to miss this opportunity! Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For more information, go to www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

***"Surge of the Heart"
Parish Mission***

October 10, 11, 12 at 7 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars for our Fall Parish Mission!

Nationally known Catholic speaker and bestselling author, **Jon Leonetti** will be here leading our mission! Jon travels extensively helping Catholics understand this greatest story ever told—the story of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. Bring you family and friends. The nursery will be provided and a reception will follow each evening.